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Case No. 9793/105 (BMID 9974 US)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

MAY 2 3 2002

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

In re Application of:

Donie et al.

Serial No:

09/423,863

Filed:

February 8, 2000

For: Process For The Detection of HIV Antibodies And Antigens Use In It Examiner: Bao Q. Li

Group Art Unit: 1648

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR § 1.136(a))

Commissioner for Patents

Box AF

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of the time to respond to Office Action dated December 3, 2001 for a period of 2 month(s).

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	already filed other than small entity	

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		Extension <u>Months</u>	Other Than Small Entity	Small Entity			
		One Month Two Months Three Months Four Months Five Months	\$110.00 \$400.00 \$920.00 \$1,440.00 \$1,960.00	\$55.00 \$200.00 \$460.00 \$720.00 \$980.00			
Fee Payment							
	Attached is a check for \$400.00 for the Petition fee. Charge \$ Petition fee to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached. Charge any additional fee required or credit for any excess fee paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached. Respectfully submitted, TECH CENTER 1600/2900						

Dated: May 3, 2002

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